PLAYING RESUMED

To-day the Lord Admiral's players that have been absent for the last three months are now returned from the countrr and again begin to play at the Rose

2&th October THE EARL OF ESSEX RETURNS

This morning came letters to Court ot the Earl of Essex's safe landing in Plymouth, that he hath unfortunately inisaea the King's own fleet with the treasure but fell upon the merchants' fleet Four of them he hath taken and brought home safe, and sunk many more The Earl of Southampton fought with one of the King's great men-of-war and sunk her The Spanish fleet commanded by the Adelantado still hovers up and down upon the coast but as yet is not landed The Earl of Essex pat in to victual and to have fresh men, and with all possible speed to go to sea again , my Lord Mountjoy sailing to Plymouth was by three of the Spanish fleet chased in

The King of Spain is said to be dead, who made his son swear by the Sacrament that he should never make peace with England till he revenged these disgraces The Adelantado, by the young Prince's threatening to hang him if he put not to sea,, is upon our coast and vows to land though he never return

A mass of money is being sent down to the Earl of Essex for all wants and supplies needed to refurnish the fleet My Lord's offers and ready disposition to adventure his life in this service are very graciously accepted by the Queen The Earl of Pembroke also is bidden to furnish such further aid as shall be required of him both in men and supplies

$otb October PREPARATIONS i*< THE WEST

A sum of £3,000 has been sent into the West for provisions to revictual the fleet, of which sum the Lord Thomas Howard, Lord Mountjoy and Sir Walter Ralegh may draw up to £2,000,

and more will be sent if need require The loans of money hitherto respited are to be brought in with all speed for the service

$ist October. OSTEND BESIEGED

The Cardinal hath now besieged Ostend, lying on the west side of it, but 'tis not yet known whether for a bravado or whether he will remain there for some design Meanwhile the